

**Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
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Guidance for Monkeypox Test Submission

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues to receive consultations regarding suspected Monkeypox cases, although none have tested positive to date. The preferred method of submitting a clinical consultation and requesting approval for specimen testing is through the ADPH REDCap database.

Direct link to the database:

<https://redcap.link/monkeypoxconsultation>

This secure portal allows for the entry of basic demographic information, clinical and epidemiologic information, and relevant attachments including pictures or clinical notes for a suspected case.

After submission, this information is reviewed by one of the ADPH medical officers. If testing is approved, the sample is then forwarded to the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL). As the medical officers must approve testing, it is vitally important that all fields on the page be completed. If not, you may be asked to edit the submission. Exam notes and pictures are also extremely helpful in the decision-making process.

If the medical officer has additional questions, you may be contacted personally. Please include your primary and secondary contact information in the submission.

If the submitting provider feels that the case is particularly compelling for monkeypox, testing may be done and stored by the method below while awaiting ADPH approval. This would avoid the patient having to return for specimen collection.

Please see the following document for specimen collection and shipping information:

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/monkeypox/assets/mpx-specimen-guidance.pdf>

If tested, the patient will also need to be contacted to provide isolation instructions while they wait on their test results. Until there is a negative result, they should isolate according to the guidance provided for those people with Monkeypox.

Here is a link to that guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/infection-control-home.html>

If the test result is positive, ADPH will follow up with additional information on vaccination and/or treatment depending on the situation.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/monkeypox/healthcare.html>